

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT

TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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REMARKS

1. Between 1 and 4:30 p.m. on 10 March 1952, 15 to 18 wooden crates each of which were the size of a boxcar, 2 jet fighters and 2 planes of an unidentified type were observed in front of an open hangar at Brandis airfield. \* Another jet fighter and two light blue single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with radial engines were parked in front of another hangar. No flying was observed although the weather was good. There was extensive activity in the barracks installations where 350 to 400 soldiers were observed. About 50 soldiers practiced firing with rifles on the target range in southwestern corner of the field. Driving lessons were given in the southern section of the landing field. [redacted] radio truck [redacted] was observed at the radio installation east of field. Trucks [redacted] and jeep [redacted] were also observed.

2. [redacted] the total personnel strength at 1,000 men. Zisov (fnu), the new supply officer, replaced Belzup (phonetic spelling) (fnu) about three weeks ago. [redacted]

Comment. The crates observed are probably used for the transportation of MiG-15s. On 9 February, [redacted] the arrival of eight such crates. Therefore, it is believed that the new fighter regiment at the field, which previously had only a few MiG-15s, has been equipped to its authorized strength. If all crates contained MiG-15s, which is believed probable, the regiment is now equipped with at least 30 MiG-15s. In addition, there are also some Yak-11s present.

\*\*\* Comment. The names of the supply officers are reported for the first time. total personnel strength appears overrated. It is believed that the new fighter regiment has been brought up to its authorized personnel strength, a total of on about 700 officers and EN, including the ground units.

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